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SENATE FILE 2248
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2159)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 3, 2014)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to management of the emerald ash borer.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. EMERALD ASH BORER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

2 1. The department of natural resources, in cooperation
3 with the department of agriculture and land stewardship,
4 shall establish an emerald ash borer advisory committee for
5 the purpose of developing a statewide comprehensive plan to
6 address issues related to the emerald ash borer and how to best
7 assist rural landowners and municipalities in dealing with the
8 emerald ash borer and the aftereffects of its infestation. In
9 considering both the short-term and long-term opportunities
10 and solutions, the advisory committee shall review and analyze
11 relevant issues and make recommendations regarding the state's
12 rural and urban ash tree resources including but not limited
13 to all of the following:

14 a. The current status of Iowa's rural and urban ash tree
15 resources and any activities and programs related to managing
16 emerald ash borer impacts.

17 b. The cost of completing an inventory of ash trees for
18 local governments and for property owners in urban and rural
19 settings.

20 c. The cost of removal of ash trees for local governments
21 and for property owners in urban and rural settings.

22 d. The potential public safety threat posed by dead and
23 dying ash trees.

24 e. The cost of replacing ash trees for local governments and
25 for property owners in urban and rural settings with a focus on
26 providing for a diversity of tree species.

27 f. In consultation with landfill operators, energy utility
28 providers, and other related stakeholders, a review of wood
29 waste removal issues and potential solutions and uses for wood
30 waste.

31 g. A review of the emerald ash borer management strategies
32 of other midwestern states.

33 2. By November 14, 2014, the advisory committee shall
34 submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the
35 governor and the general assembly.

1 3. The task force shall be composed of the following
2 members:

3 a. The following members of the task force shall be
4 appointed by the governor:

5 (1) One representative of the coalition for Iowa's
6 woodlands and trees.

7 (2) One representative of the Iowa woodland owners
8 association.

9 (3) One representative of trees forever.

10 (4) One representative of the Iowa tree farm committee.

11 (5) One representative of the Iowa arborist association.

12 (6) One representative of the northeast Iowa forestry
13 advisory committee.

14 (7) One representative of the Iowa association of county
15 conservation boards.

16 (8) One representative of the Iowa farm bureau federation.

17 (9) One representative of the Iowa urban tree council.

18 (10) One representative of the Iowa chapter of the society
19 of American foresters.

20 (11) One representative of the Iowa league of cities.

21 (12) One representative of the Iowa insurance institute.

22 (13) One representative of the Iowa nursery and landscape
23 association.

24 (14) Two representatives of wood products producers in
25 Iowa.

26 (15) One representative of the forestry consulting industry
27 in Iowa.

28 (16) One representative of the Iowa utilities board.

29 (17) One representative of municipal foresters in Iowa.

30 (18) One representative of a bio-energy project from the
31 university of Iowa.

32 (19) One representative of the Iowa chapter of the American
33 public works association.

34 (20) One representative of the Iowa society of solid waste
35 operations.

1 (21) One representative of the Iowa chapter of the sierra
2 club.

3 (22) One representative of county conservation directors
4 in Iowa.

5 b. The director of the department of transportation or the
6 director's designee.

7 c. The director of the department of natural resources or
8 the director's designee.

9 d. The secretary of agriculture or the secretary's
10 designee.

11 e. Two ex officio members of each house of the general
12 assembly. One member each shall be selected by the majority
13 leader of the senate and by the minority leader of the senate,
14 and one member each shall be selected by the speaker of the
15 house of representatives and by the minority leader of the
16 house of representatives. Members of the general assembly
17 shall be entitled to receive per diem and necessary travel and
18 actual expenses pursuant to section 2.10, subsection 5, while
19 carrying out their official duties as members of the advisory
20 committee.

21 4. The director of the department of natural resources, or
22 the director's designee, and the secretary of agriculture, or
23 the secretary's designee, shall serve as co-chairpersons of the
24 advisory committee.

25 Sec. 2. EMERALD ASH BORER INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE. The
26 legislative council is requested to establish an interim
27 study committee, composed of members of the senate and house
28 of representatives, to meet during the 2014 interim, to
29 review the report submitted by the emerald ash borer advisory
30 committee. The study committee shall present its findings and
31 recommendations in a report to the 2015 session of the general
32 assembly.